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SUBJ: DP MEETS TO ANSWER JP COALITION OFFER

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1. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IS MEETING DECEMBER 11 IN ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FORMULATE A RESPONSE TO THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP) PROPOSAL OF A RIGHTIST COALITION (REFTELS). THE DP HAS IN PAST FEW DAYS SWUNG FROM A BASICALLY NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO AN APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER JOINING WITH JP.

2. THE DP IS REPORTEDLY DIVIDED INTO FACTIONS WHICH RESPECTIVELY

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FAVOR: PARTICIPATION IN A DEMIREL-LED COALITION: PARTICIPATION

IN A COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH THE JP BUT WITHOUT DEMIREL AS PRIMIN; SUPPORTING FROM OUTSIDE A DEMIREL-LED GOVERNMENT; COALITION WITH THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) UNDER AN INDEPENDENT PRIMIN. PARTY LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY UNDERCUT BY THE RESULTS OF THIS FACTIONALISM.

3. THE REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR) ON DECEMBER 10 FOLLOWED THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) IN ACCEPTING IN PRINCIPLE THE JP'S PROPOSAL. THUS THE JP NOW HAS A TENTATIVE COMMITMENT OF 210 OF THE 450 SEATS IN THE LOWER HOUSE.

4. COMMENT. PRESSURE IS NOT ON THE DP TO AVOID BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR PREVENTING THE FORMATION OF A CONSERVATIVE COALITION. BECAUSE DP MAY PREFER WAITING FOR OUTCOME OF RPP DECEMBER 14-15 CONVENTION, THEIR RESPONSE COULD TAKE A TEMPORIZING FORM. BERGUS

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